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## Mayor Declares "National Nursing Home Week"

May 11-17 Recognizes Residents, Patients and Care Professionals

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Mayor Don Keil has proclaimed May 11-17, 2014 as "National Nursing Home Week" in the City of Seguin.

"The men and woman who care for the residents of nursing and rehabilitation centers provide a vital service with care and compassion," Keil said. "This week is also a great opportunity to show love and respect to residents of these care centers by making a visit."

Keil presented two proclamations on Monday, May 12. One was presented at Guadalupe Valley Nursing Center and the other at Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Seguin. Each facility is celebrating with special activities and events.

Sponsored each year since 1967 by the American Health Care Association (AHCA), this year's NNHW theme is "Living the Aloha Spirit." In Hawaii, by "Living the Aloha Spirit," a person shows love and respect to others and joyfully shares life to create a better world. National Nursing Home Week can be a time to reflect on the many challenges that society faces in ensuring access to the quality services available in a skilled nursing care center. According to AHCA, some of the national issues that potentially threaten such access include: federal reductions in Medicare payments; limitations on therapy services, such as physical therapy; and

government Medicaid payments that are \$7.7 billion below the cost of providing care nationwide.



Mayor Don Keil presents a proclamation to the staff of Guadalupe Valley Nursing Center declaring May 11-17 as "National Nursing Home Week" in the City of Seguin. Keil also presented a proclamation to Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Seguin. (May 12, 2014)

### **About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.